BRUNEAU GRAND VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2026 7:00 p.m.
Location: Rimrock Library

The Bruneau Grand View School District Mission: BGVSD will provide a high-quality education, prepare students for their futures, and enable them to be positive contributors to society.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Scott McNeley, Chairman
Allen Merrick, Vice Chairman
Steve Boren, Trustee -(arrived at 7:12 p.m.)
Raelynn Mathews, Trustee-(participating by phone)
Elaine Eldridge, Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:
Ken Higbee, Superintendent/Principal
JayDene Aquiso, Clerk/Treasure
Kailee McClure, Elementary Principal

I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McNeley called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Aquiso confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

Those individuals wishing to address the Board may sign up at the board materials table and must submit the completed form to the Board Clerk. Individuals will be given a maximum of three (3) minutes to present their views. Open Meetings requirements limit the ability of the Board to discuss or take action on any topic not previously on the agenda; however, the issue may be included on a future agenda if appropriate. Please note: The Board cannot receive complaints against personnel in open session and recommends that concerns be resolved through the following order: (1) Teacher or Staff, (2) Principal or Supervisor, (3) Superintendent, (4) Board of Trustees. District Office Phone: 208-834-226

No public input

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the Agenda. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented for approval:

Recommended Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Consent Agenda items include

- Approval of payroll for Kellie McNeley, Ashley Merrick, Adam Eldridge, and Amee-Lynn Eldridge
- Approval of minutes of the September 8, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Accounts Payable/Payroll for October 2026
- Approval of Bruneau Elementary, Grand View Elementary, Rimrock and District accounts for September 2026
- Approval of Hannah Rittenhouse-Alternative Authorization for High School Science
- Approval of Dusti Scott- Alternative Authorization for High School English

- **Approve coaching assignments:**
    a. Wylee Aquiso-Head Basketball Coach
    b. Rocky Aquiso- JV Coach
    c. Pedro Varela -Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach
    d. Steve Vance-Events Coordinator

- **Approval of 2026–2027 Hires**
    a. Madonna Gorner-Paraprofessional

MOTION: Trustee Merrick moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Gorner introduced herself to the Board and shared information about her background and 28 years of teaching experience.

V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD (Information)

Attitude of Gratitude:The Board participated in the Attitude of Gratitude Challenge, encouraging each member to personally thank a staff member, student, or community member who is making a positive difference in the district.

Principal Kailee McClure presented enrollment numbers for Bruneau Elementary and Grand View Elementary. Grand View enrollment was reported at 82 students plus 14 preschool students, for a total of 96. Bruneau Elementary enrollment was 21 students, with four preschool students attending at Grand View.

Upcoming Events: Fire Safety Week, staff professional development in Boise, parent-teacher conferences, the Bruneau Elementary fire assembly, a lockdown drill, and Red Ribbon Week. Preschool schedules were also reviewed.

Staff Shoutouts: Principal McClure recognized Britnie for mentoring, Abby for serving as PTA president, Alex for serving as lead teacher, Vanessa for art, Bonni for administrative support, and Esme for her work as a special education paraprofessional.

Preschool Data and Assessment: Math and English Language Arts (ELA) assessment data were reviewed.

Rimrock Jr./Sr. High Principal and Superintendent Updates – Dr. Ken Higbee

Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School Enrollment

Enrollment was reported as follows:

- Junior High (Grades 6–8): 54 students
- High School (Grades 9–12): 63 students
- Total Rimrock Enrollment: 120 students

Staff Shout Outs:

Staff Recognition: Staff members were recognized for their contributions to student learning and school activities:

- Christine Meyers – Secretary, recognized as the welcoming face of Rimrock.
- Madison Macmillan – Physical Education/Coach.
- Dusti Scott – English Language Arts/Drama, recognized for coordinating a props field trip.
- Allison Hampton – Agriculture/FFA, recognized for dairy competitions.
- Zach Dygert – Agriculture/FFA, recognized for soils competitions.

Appreciation was expressed for staff efforts to provide hands-on learning experiences for students.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Monday, 4:00–7:00 p.m.; 29 families and 37 students participated, representing 30.8% of Rimrock students.

Athletics Updates:

- Cross Country: Full high school boys' and girls' teams; district competition scheduled for October 21.
- Volleyball: The high school team earned the seventh seed, won its play-in game, and lost its next game. The team is scheduled to play Idaho City on Friday.
- Soccer Co-op: Dominic Ontiveros is participating on the high school junior varsity team.
- Football Co-op: Justin Yetzer is a starting middle linebacker and the leading tackler for Mountain Home High School.
- Junior High Volleyball: The team had a good season but did not qualify for the tournament.
- Junior High Basketball: Thirteen girls have signed up. The district is seeking a coach.

Board and District Updates:

- Access Easement: Board approval requested for the ingress/egress easement agreement with Ryan Jantz.
- Blue Cross of Idaho: Insurance shortfall discussed.
- School Resource Officer (SRO) Grant: Three-year grant request discussed.
- Grand View Elementary Project: The asphalt surface presents a safety concern. Concrete is being considered as an alternative, and Mr. McClure is obtaining quotes.
- ISBA Conference: Idaho School Boards Association Resolution No. 4, regarding funding priorities, was reviewed.
- Statewide Professional Development: Training at the Chinden Campus in Boise included artificial intelligence (AI) and behavior-related topics.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Roll Call Vote)

At 7:41 p.m., Trustee Merrick made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §§ 74-206(1)(a), (b), and (d). Trustee Boren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

- Scott McNeley, Chairman — Yes
- Allen Merrick, Vice Chairman — Yes
- Steve Boren, Trustee — Yes
- Raelynn Mathews, Trustee (by phone) — Yes
- Elaine Eldridge, Trustee — Yes

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. in the Rimrock Library to discuss personnel matters and athletics.

No final action was taken during Executive Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:11 p.m.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

The Board may take action to approve, deny, amend, modify, postpone, or take no action on any of the items listed below:

A. Ingress/Egress Easement Agreement with Ryan Jantz

Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the Ingress/Egress Easement Agreement with Ryan Jantz. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

Mr. Jantz was present to answer questions regarding the proposed easement. He explained that he is purchasing approximately 10 acres of land from the Lee family and requested an easement to provide ingress and egress to the property. The county advised him to contact the school district regarding access. Mr. Jantz also contacted the canal company, which indicated it had no objection to the proposed easement.

The Board was informed that the agreement had been reviewed by the district's legal counsel and that a final draft was prepared for consideration.

B. Approve Payment of Merrick Diesel Solutions Invoice

Trustee Boren made a motion to approve payment of the Merrick Diesel Solutions invoice. Trustee Eldridge seconded the motion.Trustee Merrick left the meeting room and abstained from voting. The motion passed unanimously among the remaining voting members.Trustee Merrick returned to the meeting room and resumed his duties as Vice Chairman.

C. Approve Blue Cross of Idaho Shortfall – $28,588.80

Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the Blue Cross of Idaho shortfall in the amount of $28,588.80. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion.The motion passed Discussion was held regarding the shortfall. Trustee Mathews voted nay.

D. Ken Higbee- Assistant Basketball Coach

No motion was made regarding the appointment of Ken Higbee as Assistant Basketball Coach. The agenda item died for lack of a motion.

E. Approve ISBA Resolution #4 – Funding Priorities

Trustee Boren made a motion to approve ISBA Resolution No. 4 – Funding Priorities. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion.Discussion was held regarding the proposed resolution. The Idaho School Boards Association (ISBA) had reached out to superintendents for input. Dr. Higbee prepared the resolution, and Trustee Eldridge was asked to present it. Dr. Higbee will present the resolution at the ISBA Convention.The motion passed.

F. Approve School Resource Officer Grant Application

Trustee Boren made a motion to approve the School Resource Officer Grant Application. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion.Discussion was held regarding the SRO funding arrangement. The Board was informed that state funding would no longer cover the position at the end of the current grant period. The district would need to fund the position locally or reapply to the state for an additional three-year grant. Owyhee County supports the grant application and has committed to the district.The motion passed.

VIII. Discussion

The following upcoming meetings and events were discussed:

- November 11, 2026: Board Meeting at Bruneau Elementary at 1:00 p.m.
- ISBA Convention: November 4-6, 2026. JayDene Aquiso will attend, and Elaine Eldridge and Dr. Ken Higbee will attend on Friday.

IX. Adjournment

Trustee Boren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Merrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE

CLERK/TREASURER

October 13, 2026